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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Joseph W. Spears of Peoria on November 28, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Spears was born on December 9, 1920, in Liverpool, England, to Joseph and Alice Whitehead Spears; he married Theresa I. Fitzpatrick on August 18, 1951, in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, He was a sales representative for American Standard for 30 years and a day manager at Jimmy's Bar from 1982 until his death; he was a World War II Army veteran and was wounded in Okinawa; he was the recipient of two Bronze Stars and a member of the 96th Infantry Division; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church; St. Patrick's Society; Knights of Columbus 427, Third Degree, Spalding Council; and #206 Fourth Degree, Spalding Assembly, Alhambra, and served as past grand commander and also past district deputy; and the Disabled American Veterans; and

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WHEREAS, He also was an honorary alumnus from Bradley University and was a member of the Bradley Dug Out Club Alumni Association, the Mt. Carmel High School Alumni Association, the Peoria Notre Dame Boosters, and the Independent Sportsman's Club; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Regina Joseph Spears, and his brother, George; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Joseph W. Spears is felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Theresa; his sons, Joseph P. (Susan) Spears, James Spears, William (Debra) Spears, Robert Spears, Michael (Julie) Spears, Patrick (Cindy) Spears,

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1 and Thomas (Angie) Spears; his nineteen grandchildren; and his
2 brother, William Spears; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Joseph W. Spears and extend our sincerest condolences to his
6 family, friends, and community; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
9 sympathy.